

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Patent Application:

Claims 1 to 31 (canceled).

32. (new) A device for adjusting grinding of a condiment in a mill, wherein the device comprises:

a grinder including a thimble coupled with a thimble support, and a wheel coupled with the thimble for grinding the condiment responsive to relative rotation between the wheel and the thimble;

an adjustment ring coupled with the grinder and including an adjustment stop, wherein rotational movement of the adjustment ring causes vertical movement of the thimble support within the mill, wherein the wheel is vertically fixed in position within the mill, and wherein rotational movement of the adjustment ring causes vertical movement of the thimble relative to the vertically fixed wheel.

33. (new) The device of claim 32 wherein the position of the adjustment stop is variable.

34. (new) The device of claim 32 wherein the

adjustment stop includes an indexing bar for continuous positioning of the adjustment ring.

35. (new) The device of claim 34 wherein the thimble support includes a plurality of notches for receiving the indexing bar of the adjustment stop.

36. (new) The device of claim 32 wherein the adjustment ring includes an internal screw thread.

37. (new) The device of claim 36 wherein the thimble support includes an external screw thread for cooperating with the internal screw thread of the adjustment ring.

38. (new) The device of claim 37 wherein the external screw thread is interrupted at regular intervals.

39. (new) The device of claim 32 wherein complete rotational movement of the adjustment ring causes the thimble support to move vertically by 3 mm.

40. (new) The device of claim 32 wherein the thimble support includes screw columns on an underside of the thimble support.

41. (new) The device of claim 40 wherein the thimble support is connected to a fixing ring for attachment to the mill.

42. (new) The device of claim 41 wherein inner portions of the fixing ring include a protective collar.

43. (new) The device of claim 42 wherein the protective collar is located on upper portions of the fixing ring.

44. (new) The device of claim 41 wherein the adjustment ring includes clips for engaging the fixing ring.

45. (new) The device of claim 44 wherein the clips are plastic teeth.

46. (new) The device of claim 32 which further includes a thrust stop for holding the wheel in the vertically fixed position.

47. (new) The device of claim 46 wherein the thrust stop is held in position by a circlip coupled with a spring.

48. (new) The device of claim 32 which further includes a reinforcement located on an outer face of the

thimble support, wherein the reinforcement cooperates with the adjustment stop to limit movement of the adjustment ring.

49. (new) The device of claim 48 wherein the reinforcement is located on upper portions of the outer face of the thimble support.